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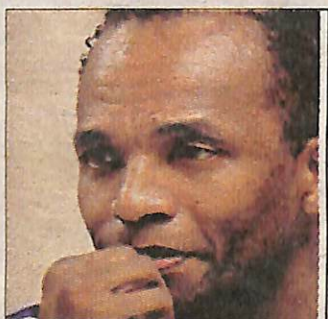
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The Meter wins big



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The Meter's (left to right) Kirsten D. Watkins, Eddie R. Cole Jr., Dairanetta Spain, Kenneth Cummings, and DeShanee Miner win eight awards, including best weekly newspaper, at the HBCU National Newspaper Conference on Friday, Feb. 10.

The Meter won best weekly student newspaper and best online coverage among eight honors at the HBCU National Newspaper Conference Excellence in Journalism Awards on Friday, Feb. 10.

In what one contest judge called "a fine job of newspapering," the Tennessee State University student newspaper staff also won

first place for its recent in-depth coverage of the selection of the school's new president.

"There was no contest here," competition judge Joe Demma, investigations editor at the South Florida Sun-Sentinel, said in comparing *The Meter's* work with that of its peers. "This newspaper took a major

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Scores, funding dropping

By Shauntae White
Campus News Writer

The Rising Junior Exam scores have plummeted, while ultimately costing TSU more money from the Performance Funding as a result of students' lack of achievement on the test, according to university officials.

In previous years, due to TSU's inability to meet national standards by scoring at or above the average testing levels, \$140,000 was unattained by TSU from performance funding said Gloria Johnson, the associate dean of the TSU College of Arts and

Sciences.

"There is no way that students are taking these tests seriously," said Ken Looney, the associate vice president of academic affairs. "These tests are important so that we (administration) can know how well students are doing." Furthermore, he said that the national average is about 448 points. The average of TSU students is 439 points.

The rising junior exam is a nonpayment exam that tests students' capability in general education courses in their major, according to the tnsate.edu Web site. It also states that

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Campus murder affects deliveries

By Cara Anthony
Campus News Writer

In the last four months since the on-campus murder of Best Wok Chinese Restaurant delivery man, Ji Hong Peng, several local restaurants have changed their delivery policy to benefit their employees and not the TSU student body.

Most restaurants have chosen to either stop delivering on the TSU campus or change their delivery schedule.

Restaurants, such as Papa John's Pizza, Best Wok, and Domino's, have changed their delivery since the Oct. 31, 2005 crime at Hankal Hall. However, other restaurants, including Wing Zone and Off the Grill, according to employees, are still delivering on campus.

"The new delivery policies are fair because the employees are looking out for themselves," said Kiata Hawkins, a freshman occupational therapy major from Flint, Mich. "These policies should continue until they are comfortable with extending their hours."

According to the TSU Police Department officials, restaurants should call the department for an escort before coming on campus. Also, for security purposes, there should not be any advertisements on their car if they choose to deliver without an escort.

Furthermore, Nashville WTVF-news Channel 5 reported that the Best Wok restaurant had lost a well-liked delivery man in Peng, but they are determined not to let the tragedy keep them from providing service to the community.

Best Wok no longer displays advertisements on their delivery cars. As a security precaution, this is one major change while

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Tennessean yearbook also praised among peers



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Meter editor Eddie R. Cole, Jr. and A&E Writer Melaney Whiting celebrate for Best News Series Awards.

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event...and covered it top to bottom and from all sides....This is a newspaper staff that understands the value of the First Amendment and the right of the people to know what's affecting them."

Hosted this year at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C., the awards and conference for the first time in their eight-year history included yearbooks and their staffs as competition honorees and attendees. This permitted the 2005 Tennessean to earn an honorable mention for its design.

"We got to see really great photogra-

phy and documentary work, learn about magazine journalism, and revisit copyright law, all of which helps our yearbook," said 2006 editor Marian C. Bullard. "We also got to network with professionals and share ideas with our peers, so it's invaluable that one of my staff members and I were able to go."

Conference coordinators reported that 162 students attended the event from 20 historically Black colleges and universities, with about 400 entries from 12 schools competing for awards. The TSU publications' nine awards bring to 54 the number of newspaper awards and three the number of yearbook awards Tigers have earned since January 1998 in various competitions.

The *Meter* won second place for its in-depth coverage of the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the TSU community, overall paper design, and opinion section. It won honorable mention for an editorial questioning what the paper's leaders call administrators' "short-term thinking" in responding to TSU's Katrina victims, inking a deal that leaves the school's football stadium deteriorating and little used while the team plays in the same professional stadium as the Tennessee Titans, and plans to leave the Communications Department without a permanent head for at least two years.

Editor Eddie R. Cole Jr. won second place for an opinion piece chastising administrators for being less than forthcoming with information about their

decisions affecting the school. In it he noted that his internships and other professional experiences so far have permitted him to interview national leaders who answer his questions so he can provide accurate information to the public.

"Meter staff members screamed for joy and one yelled, 'Thank you, Jesus,' when we won best newspaper," Cole said. "They were so emotional, and so was I, because we work so hard to bring the TSU community the best news and information we can."*



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

Eddie R. Cole, Jr. accepts the *Meter's* Best HBCU Weekly Newspaper award from the Black College Communications Assoc. chairperson Dr. Valerie White.

Career fair expects more than 200 corporations

The College of Career and Teacher Recruitment Fair will be held at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds on Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

More than 200 employers from the business industry, government, and educational employment are planned to attend exclusively for student and alumni opportunities.

Many university consortium participants include other colleges such as Austin Peay State, Fisk, Middle Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, UT Space Institute, Vanderbilt and Western Kentucky universities.

Complimentary tickets are available in the following locations: Career Center, Suite 304 on the third floor in the Floyd Payne Campus Center, on the

main campus in Clay Hall, College of Education building in room 112, College of Business building, Suite K in Room 44, and also in the Avon Williams Campus student affairs office in room 333.

If you have any questions, call the Career Center at (615) 963-5981.

News Briefs

Quiz Bowl tourney seeks volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the TSU Annual High School Academic Quiz Bowl Tournament on Feb. 18.

Volunteer orientation will begin at 8:30 a.m., while the tournament will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Faculty and staff volunteers are needed to ask questions or keep score in a high school quiz bowl tournament.

The volunteers will have a chance to work with high school students and teachers from around the region, as well as learn unusual facts. For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Dachowski, edachowski@tnstate.edu or 963-5507.*

Events Calendar

Today

Lyricist Lounge
Women's Building
7 p.m.

Feb. 15

Black History
Quiz Bowl
FPCC Room 210
6 p.m.

Miss Nubian Pageant

Thomas E. Poag Auditorium
7 p.m.

Feb. 17

Hollace Brooks
Symposium
Elliot Hall Auditorium
10:30 a.m.

Movie - *Boycott*

FPCC Room 210
8 p.m.

Feb. 18

High School
Black History
Quiz Bowl
FPCC Room 210
10 a.m.

Corrections

In the Feb. 6 issue of *The Meter*, Felix Mitchell was misidentified as a pastor. He is currently in training under Pastor H. Bruce Maxwell. Also, Darell Drumwright's name was misspelled.

***The Meter* regrets errors and will continue to bring readers accurate information.**

Campus News

Higher test scores would help TSU

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students who have completed 51 to 60 semester hours in their general education courses take this test at that time. This examination takes approximately 120 minutes and consists of 108 multiple-choice questions. All university majors are required to take this test before graduation, or the student cannot participate in commencement ceremonies.

"In order to increase financial support there are certain standards that TSU needs to meet," Johnson said. "Having accredited programs and having high achievement scores by students are ways to elevate funding."

According to the International Accreditation for Universities, Colleges and Institutes, accreditation is a status granted to an institution that meets or exceeds that stated criteria of educational quality. The purposes of accreditation are to assess and enhance the educational quality of an institution, assure consistency in institutional operations, promote institutional improvement, and provide for public accountability.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission is the governing body over Tennessee Board of Regents, according to Looney. If students do not meet testing standards, students must decide whether the school is able to keep the 5.35 percent that is held back at the beginning of the year. If the university does not meet standards set by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, that money is kept from that university and left to the commission.

But Johnson said the problem with this test is that students are not taking it seriously.

She said that the incompleteness of

these tests by TSU students are contributing to the decline of tests' average. As a result of the decline of tests scores, funding that TSU would have received is nonexistent.

Johnson said that in recent testing, students seem as though they are learning less than previous tests.

"These tests are what we use to see if our students have learned certain ideas," said Johnson.

But Looney said the test scores do not show up on students' transcripts but they are recorded on the students file.

He also said that all students are required to take this test, including transfer students.

"This is a good stop-off point to test students of their general education courses," Looney said. "This is a good indicator and individual way for students to know how they are doing."

According to Looney, scores are provided on semester-to-semester bases. Once a test has been taken, scores should be available that next semester. If students have taken the Rising Junior Exam in the fall of 2005, scores are available now to be interpreted by advisors. Scores for those who have taken or are expecting to take this exam this spring will be available in the early summer.

If students are unhappy with their scores from the exam, they may receive aid in reading, math and English from the virtual learning center under the enrichment program. This assistance is either on a voluntary or advisement basis and is provided in the learning resource center.

"Students should be concerned with this test because it is a pride thing," Looney said. "It's the pride in your own achievement and pride in your university."

Dorm deliveries stop for some

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they are still delivering on this campus.

Although they will stop delivering at 10:30 at night, Best Wok will continue to delivery to all the residence centers, including Hankal Hall.

"To a certain extent, I feel a little weird ordering from them (Best Wok). Michelle Wade, a sophomore early childhood education major from Columbus, Ohio, referring to the last semester's tragic incident.

Unlike Best Wok, Papa John's pizza restaurant only delivers to dormitories before 3 p.m. and to academic buildings until 5 p.m.

"We only deliver to classrooms before 5 p.m.," said Heather Adams,

general manager for Papa John's.

Not delivering to the dormitories is a safety precaution because of the crime this past October, according to Papa John's officials.

According to Ed Spence, one of the Domino's pizza delivery men, "I have been delivering for 13 years and, since what happened in October, we have to call in deliveries to security before entering the TSU Campus."

Domino's pizza delivery stops at midnight, said the delivery man, but they will deliver anywhere on campus.

"I stay just as busy," said Dan Daniels, a Papa John's delivery man. "I haven't noticed a change."

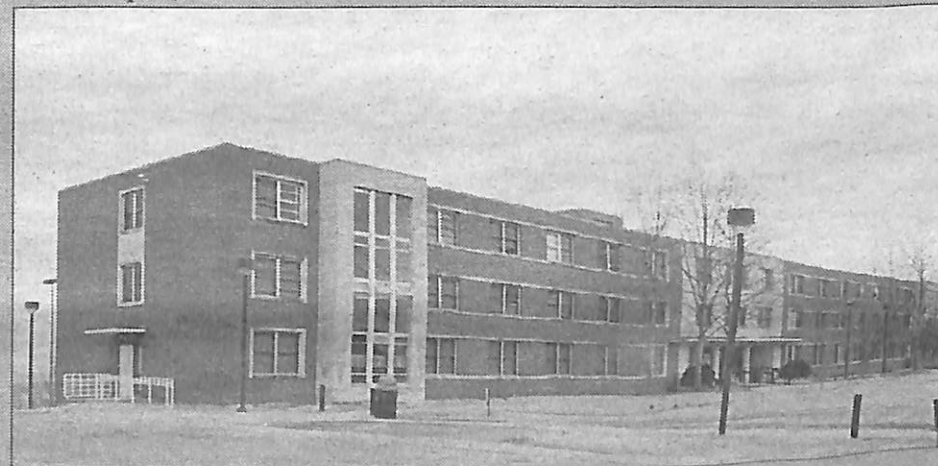


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Some restaurants have stopped delivering food to residence halls or altered their policies after the murder of a delivery man in front of Hankal Hall on Monday, Oct. 31, 2005.



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What We Think

Love, sex, and everything in between

It is 2006 people, and we still have baby momma drama, brothers on the "down low," rampant new cases of HIV infection, and an overall lack of responsibility and/or education about our sexual health. So where's the disconnection from reality? Where is the explanation for the fact that AIDS has become the number one killer for Black women ages 24 - 35?

In this issue of *The Meter* we explore sexual health, habits, and attempt to educate the student body on real and everyday issues facing them. While we take a lighthearted approach on some features such as Erogenous Eats, we also deal with serious issues facing students and their health, such as the article on the Nuva ring. While in college, students are exposed to a myriad of options and opinions, and while *The Meter* is not here to tell you what to do and think, we are here to tell you the truth.

Fact: According to the *Reuters* news service, over half of all new HIV infections are in Blacks.

Fact: Also according to the *Reuters* news service, a study, comprised of data from 33 states, showed that out of 156,000 new cases of HIV infection from 2001 to 2004, 51 percent were African-Americans, although Blacks only made up 13 percent of the population in the states studied.

Fact: *Reuters* news service also

reported a study found that 32 percent of Black men in Baltimore who engage in homosexual and bisexual activity were carriers of HIV.

Fact: According to the British Broadcasting Corporation, in Southern states Black women are 13 percent of the population, but are 70 percent of AIDS infections.

Fact: For Black women aged 24-35, AIDS is the No. 1 cause of death, before heart disease and before cancer.

Fact: Sexually active college students right here at TSU, both male and female, are at risk for HIV infection.

If you watch BET, MTV, or a multitude of other networks, you have no doubt seen public service announcements encouraging everything from "wrapping it up" to getting tested. Most of us go about our daily lives without giving them much thought, just like some are doing with this editorial right now. If there is one thing that these numbers show us, it's that we are not getting the point. Perhaps college students think they are somehow immune from these chilling statistics.

It's time to face reality TSU. If you are currently sexually active or have ever been, you are at risk for HIV infection. In fact you may very well be infected right now and not even know it. There is no doubt that, according to the statistics, almost every individual on this campus, whether they want to admit it or not, knows someone who is infected with HIV or AIDS. HIV/AIDS has become taboo to speak of among some in the Black community, much like the way cancer used to be. Just as misinformation, such as "if you cut into cancer it spreads," were the norm 40 years ago, now it's "you can't get HIV from oral sex" and the like. Unfortunately some TSU students make the mistake of taking this information into the bedroom and are wrong, and in some cases are dead wrong.

Fact: HIV can be spread by oral sex, vaginal sex, heterosexual sex, and homosexual sex.

It's 2006 TSU. It's time to be aware, be real, and be honest. Otherwise we'll be careless, be infected, and be dead.

Be sure to read the Love and Sex special edition pullout on pages 5 - 12.

The Meter Mission Statement

The Meter's mission is to accurately and responsibly report the "highlights and lowlights" of Tennessee State University and its community so that we may foster positive changes in the world around us, while reflecting the university's multi-cultural student body.

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Love & Sex Issue

Nuva could prove to be dangerous protection



Gregory Brand Jr.
Senior Editor

In an effort to provide better protection against pregnancy, another form of birth control has been released that is unlike any other in the history of contraceptives.

It is called the NuvaRing and its ability to prevent sperm to egg fertilization may be typical, but its method of doing so is anything but ordinary.

The NuvaRing is a soft and flexible ring of synthetic fibers that is about two inches in diameter and only around one-eighth of an inch thick. The ring is rich with a cocktail of hormones that are released over a period of three weeks and is proven to prevent pregnancy in the women who choose to use it.

"The (NuvaRing) sounds interesting," said freshman biology major Kimberly Dotson from Jackson, Tenn. "It might be the best thing for girls who forget to take the pill."

The ring takes effect when the woman who has chosen to use it places it inside her vagina. It is designed to sit flat on the back of the vaginal wall and is held in place by the pelvic muscle. This tiny ring works from inside the human body by releasing measured doses of the feminine hormone estrogen and the pregnancy regulating hormone progesterone among other hormones.

According to Planned Parenthood's Web site, plannedparenthood.com, the ring has thus far yielded a 99 percent success rate in preventing unwanted pregnancies. The downside to the contraceptive is that the blessings it promises also come at a heavy price – the side effects.

Among the listed side effects, which include breast tenderness, nausea, headaches and breakthrough bleeding, which are typical of other hormonal birth control methods, several other effects are unique to this form of contraceptive. According to plannedparenthood.com, this form of birth control is said to discolor and

increase the amount of vaginal discharge, increase clotting and increase the risk of infection and irritation in the genital region. Some extreme cases of side effects have shown women to report one or both legs being immobilized and some women are even confined to their beds.

News of the innovative form of birth control have left a mix of women both interested and unimpressed by the NuvaRing's promises and side effects.

"The ring could be helpful but the risks are a bit too much," said Christina Smith, a senior mass communications major from Atlanta. "I can't have (immobilized) legs because of birth control."

Though more than one million women worldwide are now using the NuvaRing as their personal birth control contraceptive of choice, the rush has yet to breach the walls of TSU.

"There haven't been any girls looking for it (at Queen Washington Health Center)," said TSU registered nurse, Elizabeth Frazier. "It sounds interesting but I wouldn't want anything to just sit there for 21 days."

While oral contraceptives require that they be taken on a daily basis, this one requires that it remain inside of the body for the duration of the treatment. During sexual activity when the vaginal environment changes and expands, the ring is at risk of falling out of the vagina.

For years, the many women seeking to be sexually active without the risk of getting pregnant looked to birth control pills as a means to be protected from pregnancy without protection from disease.

STD's are still a huge risk with sexual activity, so birth control is only one step in fully protecting ones self.

NuvaRing first made it to American medicine in July 2002 and is now available in 26 countries. According to a press release from Medical News Today roughly 50 percent of the one million users live in the United States.

"They seem like they take a lot more responsibility than normal birth control," said Sasha Clinton, a freshman undecided major from Chicago. "You take birth control so that you don't have to worry about so much. Why would you want extra stuff to worry about?"

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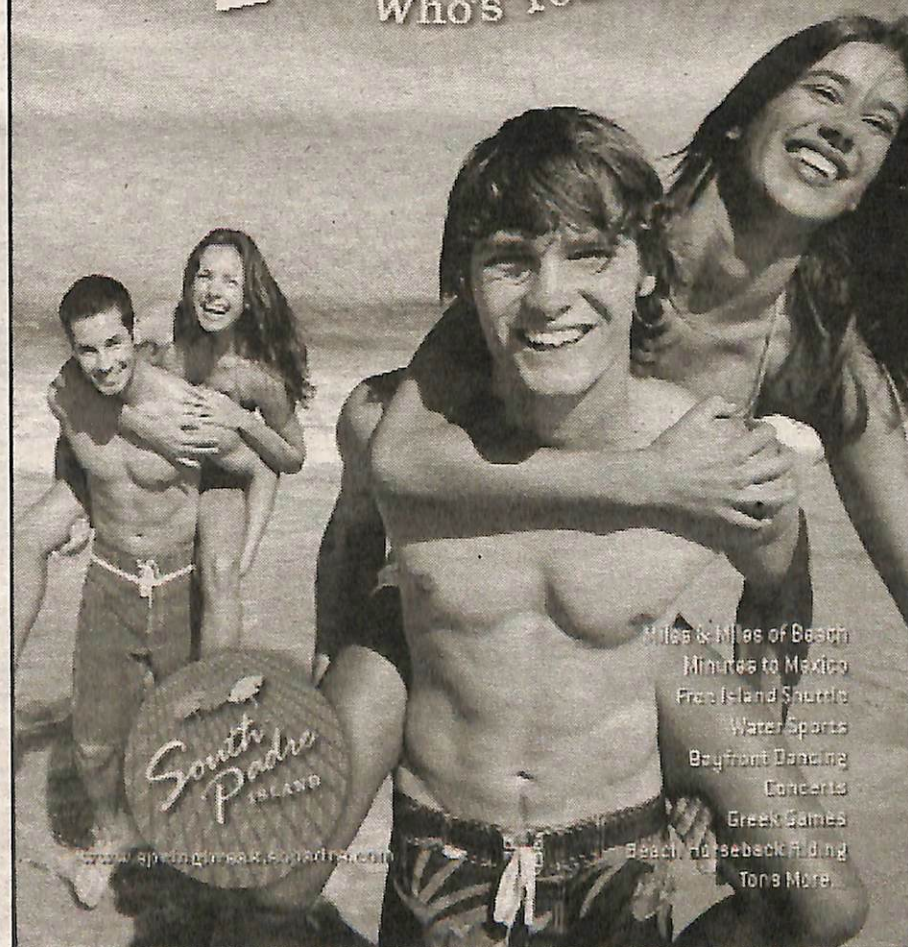
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Ideal date: I love Disney World, walks in park, and I love to eat crab legs.

Jamiel Miller

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Civil Engineering
Memphis

Ideal Mate: She's got to be able to speak, you can't take a girl home all ghetto.

Ideal date: Whatever the lady wants to do.

Life's ambition: Wants to become an attorney

Ashley Denise Ewell

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Ideal Mate: Someone who is respectful, has ambition, and is honest.

Ideal date: To be whisked away to St. Tropez for a weekend.

Life's ambition: I want to become a neurosurgeon, and make an impact on someone's life.

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Nashville

Ideal Mate: Compassionate, intelligent, self-motivated, humble, confident, high morals, considerate and genuine

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Dominique Keys Senior Biology Washington D.C.

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Life's ambition: Become a civil rights attorney

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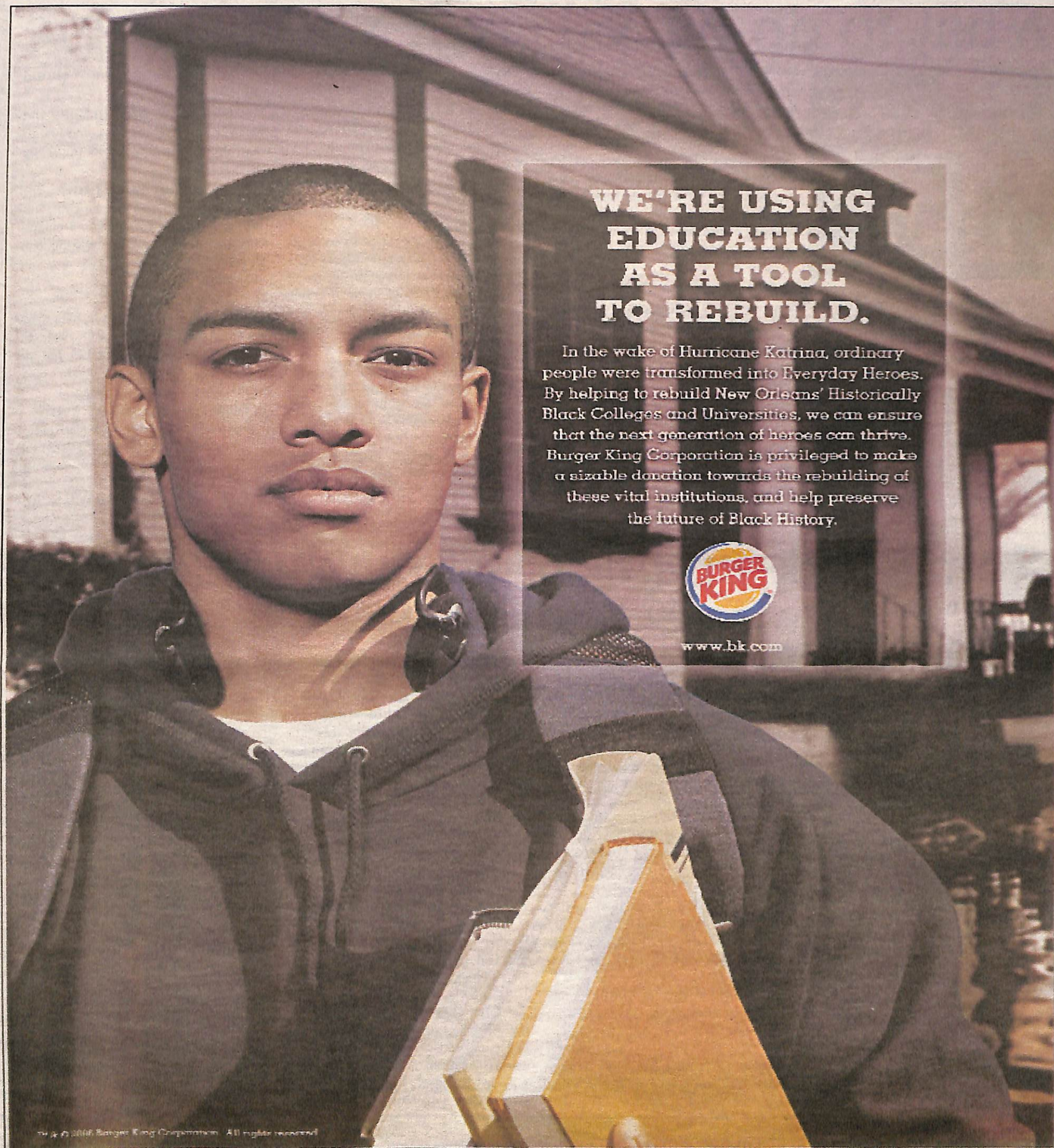
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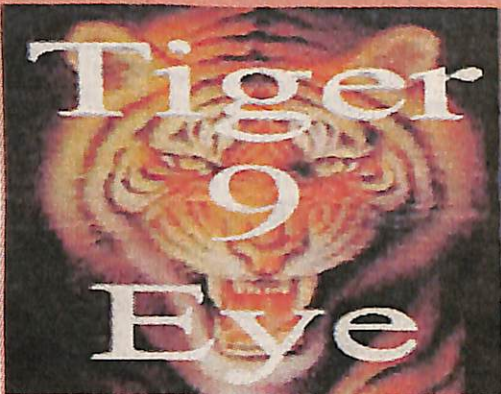


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Love & Sex Issue

What to do on V-Day if you're single



Do you dread the approach of the date Feb. 14 every year? The cards, the long steamed red roses, the superfluous gigantic heart shaped balloons and the fluffy teddy bears are all staples of the very superficial Valentine's Day.

Now, we, as young adults engulfed in our higher education, may not have the time to focus on a significant other. So if you don't have a significant other or a Valentine, then there are a few things you can do to experience a memorable Feb.

14. These suggestions are geared to be inexpensive ways for both genders to love yourself any day of the year, not just on Valentine's Day. The most important thing to realize about Valentine's Day is that it is not just for couples, but for everyone to have the opportunity to be pampered and relax. So, as selfish as it may sound, self-gratification may be the ultimate experience that we all deserve from time to time.

1. Cena para uno (Dinner for one... it sounds better in Spanish)

Order take-out from your favorite restaurant and enjoy a quiet dinner at home alone. Just think about it; you won't have to tip or have to wait to be seated in an overcrowded eating place.

2 Get ya hair done...

Visit your local beauty salon or barbershop. Ladies, get your hair washed and treated or simply get your eyebrows arched. Guys, get the full treatment hair cut with razor blade lining included.

Afterwards smile at your reflection because you are beautiful or handsome.

3. We are FAMILY

Spend time with your family and friends and plan a group activity. For example, group bowling can be fun with pizza and beverages available at most bowling alleys.

4. YMCA!

Visit your local gym either on or off campus. Did you forget about your New Year's resolution already? Was staying or getting in shape one of them? Working out not only keeps you healthy, but allows you the opportunity to mingle with other college singles.

5. Beauty is skin deep

Visit a spa for a deep tissue massage or a facial. No matter if you have dry, oily, or combination skin, skin treatment is important to maintain your gorgeous skin complexion and radiance. Also, there are facial kits available at your nearest Walgreens or Wal-Mart for half the price charged at a spa.

6. Don't just be a window shopper

Go shopping. Visit Dillards, Old Navy, TJ Maxx or any store you like to shop at that has discounted prices on designer fashions.

7. Need a mani and a pedi?

Treat yourself to a manicure or pedicure. This applies to ladies and gentleman; there is nothing more relaxing than having your feet or hands massaged and attended to.

8. Let me cater to... me!

Soak in a warm bubble bath with light music (i.e. Jon B., Jamie Foxx, R. Kelly, etc.) and your favorite Eric Jerome Dickey or Zane novel in hand. Leave reality for a moment and relax.

9. Stars shining just for you

Make it a Blockbuster night. Rent or purchase a newly released DVD and enjoy in the comfort of your own home or dorm room.

Leonard Wilson Jr. •

Some pick-up lines just make me laugh

By Shannon Watkins
Black College Wire

Imagine walking around campus, minding your own business, and out of nowhere a guy says something that someone with common sense would never express.

Some pick-up lines are not rude, but corny and stupid. They make you smile, but you say, "I hope this person does not think this line is going to work on me."

I don't mind guys speaking their minds, but fellas, please think before you say certain things.

If this is something you would not want another man saying to your mother, sister or any other female in your family, then nine out of 10 times we females don't want you saying it to us.

Second, if the woman looks as though she has no idea what you are talking about, most likely she doesn't.

Guys, I am not just getting on you. I am sure there have been times when women have said some off-the-wall things that made you look twice. So ladies, this goes to you, too: If your

mother or any female you know would question the words coming from your mouth, it would be a good idea to just keep them to yourself.

Here are some of the wackiest pick-up lines ever, based on interviews with students at Jackson State University:

Porsha Williams, a music major from Memphis, said, "I was walking one day, and out of nowhere a guy came up to me and said his ankle was hurting. So I asked him why, and he said it was because he had fallen for me. This made me smile, but I was like, 'that was so weak,' and could not wait to walk away to laugh, so I would not laugh in his face."

Mario Greene, a criminal justice major from Chicago, said, "I was sitting down one day and a girl came up to me and said, 'you look so good, can I lick your elbow?'"

"I was thinking to myself, either this girl is a freak or she is crazy, and what am I going to do if my elbow is ashy?"

Ladies, here is a prime example of a line that we should just keep to ourselves. What could we possibly be trying to get across to the guy?

Amanda Rouse, a biology major from Sardis, Miss.: "There was a guy that I had been talking to for a while and out of nowhere he said he had lost his heart after meeting me. This was a little different for me. We had been talking for a while, but I could not help [but] think to myself, this was corny but sweet."

I have to give him his props, but fellas, here is a little advice: If this is a girl you have started something with, don't try too hard; just be yourself.

Trey Varnado, a music education major from Tangipahoa, La., said: "Once, this girl said if she had a rose for every time she thought about me, she would be walking through a garden."

"All I could do was say 'thank you,' but I was thinking, 'this girl is crazy, because what else could you do after someone you barely know says something like that?'"

Daniel Taylor, a computer science major from Detroit, said, "I had invited this girl over once, and she said, 'I like how your bed is made, let's make out.' I was thrown off by it, but she was fine, so I agreed." Ladies, these are lines we should keep to ourselves.

Latasha Norman, an accounting major from Greenville, Miss., said, "I was standing with a big group of people and a guy said out loud, 'Tasha, you so sexy, I would drink your bath water.' I could not believe he had said that in front of all those people."

This is what we really would call trying too hard.

Dustin Terry, a psychology major from Raymond, Miss.: "Once a girl said to me, 'I like your teeth, what's your name?' I said thank you, but thought to myself, 'she is crazy,' but she was fine, so it didn't even matter."

Remember when all someone had to do was walk up and ask a simple question?

What happened to, "hello, my name is --, and how are you?"

There is nothing wrong with being yourself. There is no need to walk up to someone and start rambling.

Say what you feel and get straight to the point.

Shannon Watkins, a student at Jackson State University, writes for the Blue & White Flash. •

Love & Sex Issue

Erogenous eats

Eight erotic eats to entice your everything

Throughout history, certain foods have had certain side effects and qualities that may or may not be truly attributed to them. Tomatoes, for example, were once thought to be poisonous, which we know now not be true. Others however, such as chocolate being toxic to dogs, are. So, in this piece, we've decided to analyze and explore foods thought to have aphrodisiac powers and rate these on a scale of realism and crown the king, or queen, of sexy foods.

1. Strawberries

When "sexy" foods come to mind, strawberries are generally on the top of everyone's list. Strawberries are called an "accessory fruit" in that, from a technical standpoint, the seeds are the actual fruits of the plant, and the flesh of the strawberry is considered a vegetable, strangely enough. They lack the messiness of several other fruits, travel well, and just about everyone finds pleasure in them. Additionally, strawberries play well with several other foods on this list, such as whipped cream, chocolate, and champagne (see editor's note below), making it the king of the hill in world of sexy fruits.

2. Chocolate

Easily, the most universal food associated with romance, chocolate was consumed by the ancient Mayans more than 2,600 years ago and by Europeans as early as the 15th century. Whether buying a Valentine's Day box of chocolates or breaking out hot fudge, the use of chocolate in romance just may get you somewhere in life. While the simple act of consumption of most of the other foods on the list is viewed as an aphrodisiac, some have suggested that chocolate is in a category all by itself. Some have theorized that chocolate releases serotonin, a neurotransmitter that relays messages to and from the brain, and this, combined with other chemicals, may act as a mild sexual stimulant. So you just may want to save up and splurge on box of Godiva truffles for that special some-

one.

3. Whipped cream

It is not just for Onjeta's, anymore. Once again, here's a word of warning. Don't get gung-ho with the whipped topping if you're lactose intolerant or your romantic expedition could turn into an embarrassing example of a trip to the drugstore for Imodium AD. Additionally, most whipped cream brands have a 36 or higher fat percentage, so you just may pack on more pounds than you plan on if you're a fan of whipped topping when having desert. Whipped cream has several benefits over honey, and even melted chocolate, due to the relative ease to clean and its lack of excessive amounts of sugar. So, if you're looking for new ways of playing with your food, whipped cream may just be the way to go.

4. Peaches

It generally takes a trip to the Atlanta Classic before one has an appreciation of just what a true Georgia peach is. But if you can't make it to the game, there are plenty of ATL, Athens, Augusta, Albany, Columbus, Macon, or Savannah residents at TSU to educate you on the finer points of picking out the perfect peach.

The skin of a peach should be smooth and firm and is best eaten when slightly soft in touch, having aroma, and heated by the sun. One of the only problems with a peach is that you don't know whether or not you have good one until you bite into it, so choose carefully.

5. Champagne

(The Meter does not advocate or promote the consumption of alcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 21, or advocate or promote the consumption of alcoholic beverages by individuals on TSU property as it is prohibited by university rules.)

Ok, now that we've got that out of the way... Champagne is a drink that has been associated with wealth and privilege since the sparkling wine was created in the Champagne district of France, from where the beverage gets its name. Since Diddy or Jigga aren't currently residing in Boyd, Watson or the New Apartments, the average Comdata "baller" should give up ideas of popping bottles of Dom Pérignon with an average price of \$300 a bottle, or a bottle of Cristal with an average price of \$350. A wide variety of less expensive but still high quality champagnes are available, ranging from \$20 to \$50.

Also, be sure to use the proper glassware when having a sip of the bubbly, namely champagne flutes. And, no don't use the one you got from prom with the theme printed on it. Additionally, champagne should always be served cold and the flutes should only be filled two thirds of the way. Lastly, whatever you do, don't bring the champagne on campus.

(Refer to previous editor's note)

6. Honey

Ever since R. Kelly released "Honey love," his ode to that sweet amber liquid, people have erroneously held on to the idea that pouring honey all over someone is both sexy and a good idea. If you consider becoming a human lint brush and having everything from the sheets to the cat stuck to your back sexy, then, by all means, knock yourself out. If the idea of becoming a living adhesive isn't a pleasant thought, then you may want to use honey sparingly, if at all.

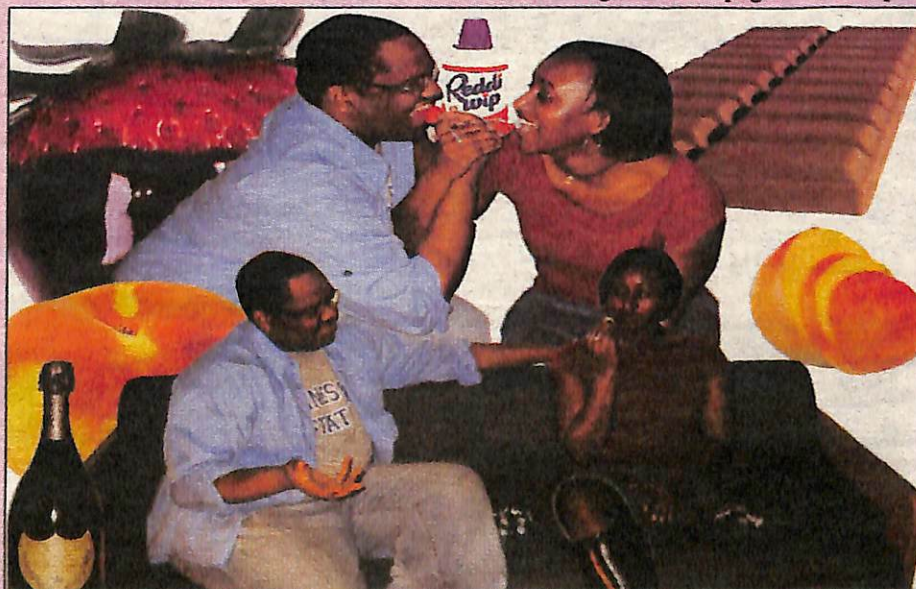
7. Mangoes

This exotic South Asian fruit has quickly joined the ranks of other erogenous food staples. Mangoes are now grown in several South American countries and the Caribbean. Known for its sweet smell, and even sweeter taste, mangoes are a perfect fruit for a romantic interlude. According to a native Brazilian I met, "when a mango smells like a mango, it's ready to eat." While a good mango is extremely sweet, it is also rather on the juicy side. Therefore, if you plan on adding mango to the menu, be sure to cut and peel the fruit beforehand, and bring a napkin. The small inconvenience of the preparation of a mango is more than outweighed by the sweet, juicy, and soft fruit behind the leathery exterior.

8. Oysters

One of the most acquired tastes on the list, oysters on the half shell, are thought of as one of the oldest known aphrodisiacs. While oysters can be eaten baked, broiled, fried, and even grilled they are most often associated as an aphrodisiac when eaten raw. Eating oysters in such a manner does entail a certain amount of preparation and risk. First, in order to safely consume oysters raw they must be alive. Consuming raw oysters that are dead prior to consumption puts one at serious risk of illness, and spending a romantic evening in the hospital with food poisoning is a no no. Also, oysters must be shucked or have the top half of the shell removed prior to consumption. Shucking oysters is not exactly an easy task, so it would behoove of someone not familiar with the process to get their local seafood proprietor, to do the job for them or at least instruct them in the proper method.

Brian C. Browley



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These eight erotic eats can be indulged in with a partner or alone for Valentine's Day.

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Nashville welcomes the Kemet Jubilee

By Brandy N. Wilson
A&E Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 4, TSU welcomed the Third Annual Kemet Jubilee in the Thomas E. Poag auditorium of the TSU Humanities building for a night to celebrate the African-American culture.

The Nashville Kemet Jubilee was the closing event of the 12th Annual Africana Studies Conference.

The Kemet Jubilee, once known as the Cotton Makers Jubilee, was started in Memphis in 1936 through the vision of R.Q. Venson as a protest to establish dignity and respect for Negro men and women.

"My great uncle, Dr. Venson, wanted to do something so that young Black people could see other Blacks in position with dignity and pride," said Randall

Venson, president of the Nashville Kemet Jubilee. "He didn't want to take his nephew to the Cotton Carnival Parade and the main folks that had something to do with the cotton industry were being used as horses, so he knew he had to do something about it."

Venson started the celebration of the cotton industry to recognize what African-Americans have done for the cotton industry. The Cotton Makers Carnival and Parade has been apart of Memphis history for over 70 years, and has now expanded to Nashville with a new name and a new mission.

According to Kemet history, in 1999 the jubilee was reinvented and took on a new mission. The name was changed to the Kemet Jubilee. "Kemet", which is the original name of what is known as Egypt and when translated into English means Black. The mission is now to edu-

cate the Black community on the story behind the country now known as Egypt and to provide educational scholarships.

"With moving the jubilee to Nashville, we want to make it a national celebration, but we have to take over Tennessee first, so why not start with Nashville," Venson said. "This year's (Kemet Jubilee) is a celebration with a mission, something that gives back to the community and youth programs."

A presentation of the 2006 Egyptian Jubilee King and Queen was given, and the 2005 jubilee king and queen presented them with the symbols of authority. The royal court was dressed as Egyptian royalty. This year's Jubilee queen is TSU senior Shani Robinson.

This year's Jubilee also featured appearances by the Antioch High School Dance Ensemble, Antioch High's Choral Ensemble, and a performance on the

African drums by Mustafa Abadul-Aleem, who sang in Swahili, "together we shall," during his performance.

"The fact that the jubilee relates to Egyptian culture is what was interesting to me," said Regina Harper, a junior nursing major from Memphis. "It is a great way to celebrate Black history month when you learn something about the past that you didn't know."

Randall, who is a TSU alum, said he would love to get a book and movie of the history of the Kemet Jubilee completed and would love to involve TSU students in the project. He states that it would be a good project for the TSU community.

"The Kemet Jubilee is a celebration with a mission, and we really want to do something for the youth of the community so they will know their pass and future," Venson said. •

Professor's book delivers collegiate advice

For students, balancing college social atmosphere against home-instilled values can be a struggle.

But TSU professor Michael McDonald has a solution.

His first published book, *College Life 101*, has been dubbed the "Disciple's Handbook for the Christian College Student."

McDonald's desire to touch the college student's life is evident throughout this easy read. *College Life 101*, proved to be a free-flowing, conversation-style advisory warning to student's questions on how to trudge through their collegiate years.

Topics span from budgeting one's money to procrastination in completing tasks, while others include time management and spiritual

maturity in spite of adversity or ridicule.

McDonald stresses that discipline is an essential key to success.

"Students, young people are literally trying to make something out of themselves," McDonald said. "There are some social land mines out there and that it is possible to overcome these obstacles."

The book's well-written outlines touch on the topics that challenged students in the past as well as today.

This "self-help book" is also reasonably priced for all. Initially priced at \$19, McDonald has reduced the price to \$15. Plans are also in the works for book signings at Martin Methodist, Middle Tennessee State University and Fisk University.

McDonald, whose advice stems from his own experiences, was the first

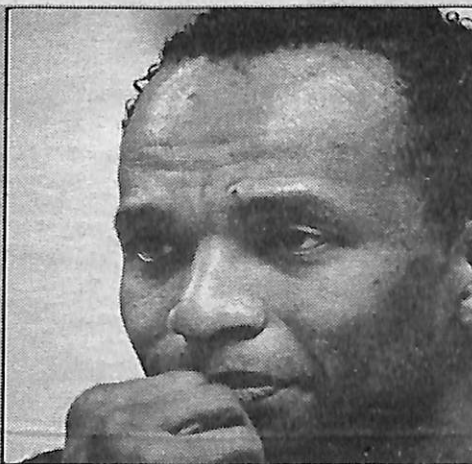


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Professor Michael McDonald's new book, *College Life 101*, is a piece that delivers advice to young people on today's problems.

African-American Student Government Association president in the history of Middle Tennessee State University and the first African-American Mr. MTSU in the pageant's 40-year history. He then went on to graduate from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago and worked three years with the Illinois

Department of State Police/Highway Patrol.

Therefore, *College Life 101* is not your average college advice book.

McDonald's life accomplishments and experiences are gingerly handed down for young adults to read and take heed. The book uses his legal, ministry, and social experiences to convey the message to young people and college students that mountains can be moved.

Bottom Line: This book is a must for your collection whether you are a college student, staffer, faculty member or campus administrator. The title may be *College Life 101*, but it could have served just as well to say *Life 101*. We all could use this book's insight in our schedule.

Eddie R. Cole Jr. •

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To purchase *College Life 101*:

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By Matthew L. Evans SGA Spokesperson

This week's edition of the corner will focus on special events and ideas the Student Government Association believes are important to the students of Tennessee State University. As we serve as the elected representation of the student body here at TSU, we want to make sure that students take advantage of the opportunities that the University provides.

On the week of Feb. 26 the SGA will be sponsoring a Student Leadership Week; this provides students with the opportunity to meet their student leaders, enjoy academic and socially stimulating activities, and voice any opinions and concerns that they may have. In addition to that, if there are any students who feel passionately that they would like to make a difference and would like to become a member of the Student Government Association, then applications are due Feb. 15 and they can be picked up from the information desk in the Student Center. Remember great leaders are those who do more than talk, they take action. So we encourage students to stand up and maybe you can make a difference this spring.

In an attempt to foster school unity and create a brand name for Tennessee State University, the Student Government Association is implementing a weekly school spirit day. TSU Spirit Day will consist of a students and faculty wearing school Paraphernalia

every Monday. The implementation of school Spirit day will begin on Monday, Feb. 13. To achieve our goal of adding to the mystique of Tennessee State University full participation is needed. Please feel free to contact any SGA member for more details. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Also, the Student Union Board of Governors (SUBG) will be hosting a Lyricist Lounge February 13th at 7pm in the Women's Building. SUBG is a component of the SGA that handles entertainment and recreational activities for the student body (i.e. homecoming), if any students are interested in becoming a member SUBG applications are due March 15. SUBG is an integral part of the Student Government Association, and its members always work diligently to provide students at TSU with the best college experience possible, if you would like to lend a helping hand in that aspect of SGA feel free to apply.

We look forward to continuing to communicate effectively with students here at TSU, as we are students ourselves. If you feel like we may have missed something or you have any grievances, please feel free to stop the SGA Suite, 217 in the Student Center, or you can email me, my email address is always found at the conclusion of each *SGA Corner*. Students remember to continue in your pursuit of academic excellence and look for us again in next week's issue.~
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TSU Sports

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Tigerbelles urged to hurdle championships

By Reno Thompson
Contributing Writer

This season, the TSU women's track and field team looks forward to finishing the job it was so close to achieving during the 2004-05 season.

After coming just points short of both the 2004 Indoor and 2005 Outdoor titles, the Tigerbelles are in full stride and ready to hurdle all opponents in their way, according to sophomore Felicia Jeffers.

"With coach [Cheeseborough's] experience, she allowed us not to squander the chances in front of us," Jeffers

said. "She had a deep conversation with us and it has been great for our confidence."

The TSU Tigerbelles are setting out to win double Ohio Valley Conference Championship titles, both indoor and outdoor, according to sophomore Tigerbelle Tierra Boyd.

Last year, the Tigerbelles finished third in the OVC indoor championship and second in the outdoor.

"We have a lot of work to do, although the goal is well within our reach," said Cheeseborough, the Tigerbelles' head coach.

So far, the Tigerbelles have been

produced solid numbers in the 55 meters: Sophomore Toya Sessoms (7.31), junior Marielle Hill (7.35), senior Erica Brown (7.39) and Boyd (7.41), are all in the top five of personal best times in the conference.

In the middle distance, Jeffers ran 2:17.51 in the 800 meters and senior Margertha Mclean ran 2:27.90 on Jan 23.

As recorded times would express, the Tigerbelles own all the relays with a time of 3:51.71 in the 1600 meter relay, as well as a time of 13:19.50 in the distance medley relay. The next closest teams are Eastern Kentucky with 3:58.13 and Morehead State and Austin Peay

State both with a time of 14:27.14. "We feel confident of our chances to win the OVC championship this year," said Boyd.

The 19-year old Boyd currently holds the OVC best in the 200-meter outdoor with a time of 24:67 as of Jan 30 at the Invitational held at TSU's Gentry Center.

"She really wants this for us and we really want it," Jeffers said of the encouragement Cheeseborough gives her team. "She has truly helped us realize how close we are."

Former Tiger great to be inducted into TSHF

By Eddie R. Cole, Jr.
Editor in Chief

TSU has a known football history that dates back to nearly as early as the school's opening in 1912.

Spanning from the university's first All-American, Forrest Strange, in 1934 to the recent record-shattering career of Charles Anthony from 2001-2004, dozens of Tigers have been propelled into the gridiron spotlight and honored for their efforts.

And as Black History month comes around this year, TSU, the Nashville community and the entire state of Tennessee, have come together to honor one particular Tiger great — Richard Dent.

On Friday, Feb. 24, at Nashville's Renaissance Hotel, Dent, Super Bowl XX (1986) Most Valuable Player, will be inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, along with 10 other Tennessee historical sports figures.

"This year's program marks the 40th anniversary of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame," said Joan Cronan, president of

the TSHF in a press release. "The program will be spectacular and the inductees are topnotch. We'll be honoring a Super Bowl MVP, an Olympic gold-medal sprinter, a legendary high school coach and a Major League All-Star, just to name a few. It will be an exciting night, and we hope the public will attend."

Dent, a 1983 TSU graduate, was drafted by the National Football League's Chicago Bears in the eighth round of the 1983 draft. His 1986 Super Bowl MVP stats included 1.5 sacks (tackling a quarterback behind the line of scrimmage), and forcing two fumbles.

Dent was an NFL Pro Bowler in 1984, 1985, 1990 and 1993 and was a member of two Super Bowl champion teams: the Bears in 1985 and the San Francisco 49ers in 1994. During the 1985 season, he led the NFL with 17 sacks.

Currently, Dent is the all-time Chicago Bears sack leader, with 124.5 sacks. He finished his professional career with 137.5 sacks. He played briefly for the Indianapolis Colts and Philadelphia Eagles before he retired from the game in 1999.

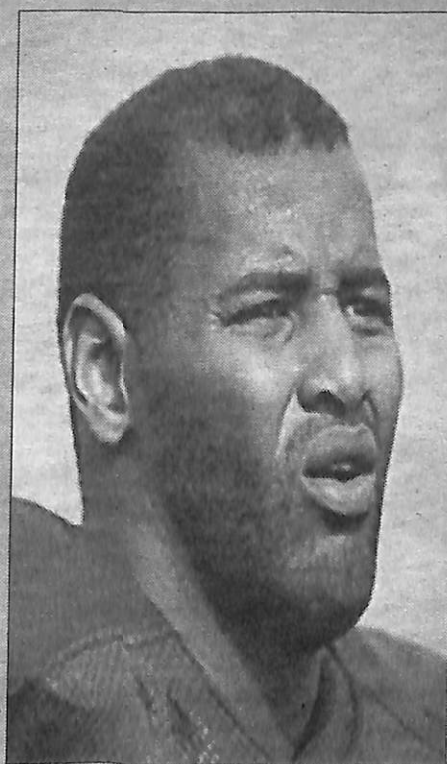


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Richard Dent, a former TSU football standout, is slated to be inducted into Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame on Friday, Feb. 24

And he credits much of his professional success to the lessons he learned right at TSU.

"I learned a lot at TSU," said Dent, during a phone interview while nominated for the 2005 NFL Hall of Fame. "I came there full of hopes and dreams. I liked what I saw there and I liked the coaches. TSU, without a doubt, was very important to my professional career."

Born in Atlanta on Dec. 13, 1960, Dent attended TSU to play under legendary coach John A. Merritt. The 6'5", 265-pound defensive end, then, used his size and talent to propel himself into history books, becoming one of the most successful athletes ever at a historically Black college or university.

He earned collegiate letters for the seasons of 1979 to 1982. He was a member of TSU's 1979, 1981 and 1982 Black College National Champion teams. Dent anchored a defense that lost only five games in his four years as a Tiger, and earned All-American honors in 1980 (Atlanta Daily World) and 1982 (Sheridan Poll).

Sports

Tigers bounce back with win

After the three-point loss against Tennessee-Martin on Thursday, Feb. 8, the TSU men's basketball team (9-13, 8-8 OVC) returned to Gentry Center to defeat the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (16-10, 11-7 OVC) on Saturday, Feb. 11.

In a slow paced game, senior forward Kareem Grant would once again lead the Tigers with 22 points in a 70-65 win over Tech.

As the only Tiger to record a double-double, senior guard Wayne Arnold scored 14 points and tallied 10 rebounds and junior center Larry Turner finished with 10 points.

The Tigers are to face Austin Peay tonight in the Gentry Center at 7:30 pm.

Dairanetta Spain

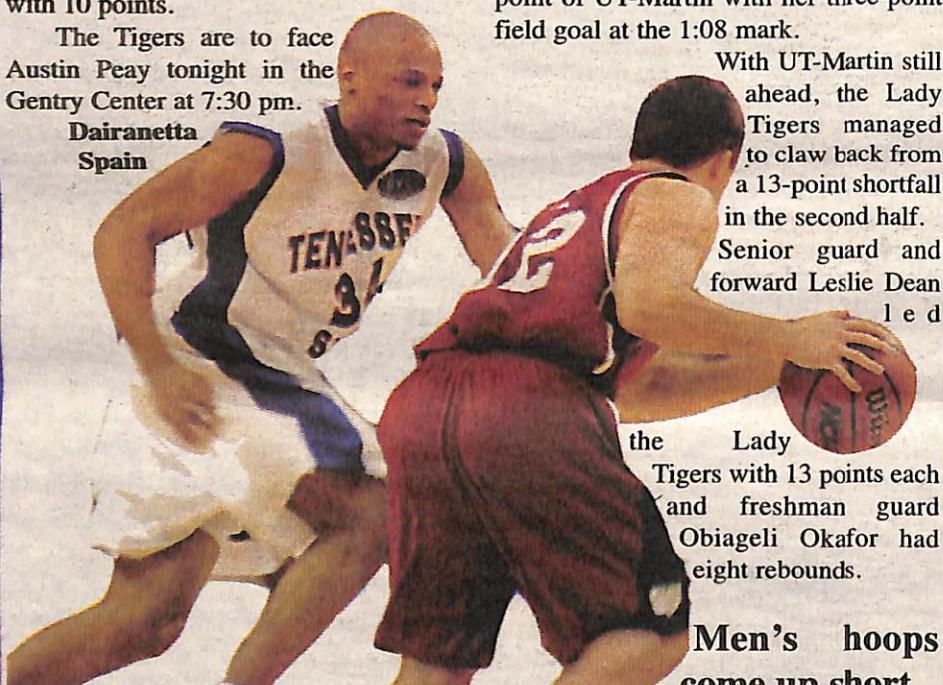


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Scoreless stretch leads to defeat

After a being held scoreless for over six minutes in the second half, the TSU Lady Tigers (0-22, 0-15 OVC) allowed Tennessee Tech (18-6, 14-3 OVC) to gain a 71-58 Ohio Valley Conference win on Saturday, Feb. 11.

This game consisted of six first half ties, with the Lady Tigers even holding a one point lead.

Freshman guard and forward Obiageli Okafor led the Lady Tigers with 13 points, with freshman guard Kendra Appling closely behind with 12 points and a team high of eight rebounds.

The Lady Tigers are to face conference opponent Austin Peay tonight at 5:30 p.m. in TSU's Gentry center.

Shantanna Collins

Tiger Briefs

Lady Tigers fall short again

The Lady Tigers (0-21, 0-14 OVC) and Tigers (8-13, 7-8 OVC) basketball teams dropped to Tennessee-Martin Lady and men's Skyhawks in what was a potential double win by a total of six points.

In the first game of the Tennessee-Martin double header, the Lady Tigers would fall 51-48.

Senior guard Quanecia Fletcher helped the Lady Tigers reach within one point of UT-Martin with her three-point field goal at the 1:08 mark.

With UT-Martin still ahead, the Lady Tigers managed to claw back from a 13-point shortfall in the second half.

Senior guard and forward Leslie Dean led

the Lady Tigers with 13 points each and freshman guard Obiageli Okafor had eight rebounds.

Men's hoops come up short

Free throws proved to be the downfall of the Tigers' 71-68 loss against the UT-Martin Skyhawks.

The Tigers visited the line 50 times and made only 34 points.

Set by a quick tempo in the second half by the Skyhawks, the Tigers trailed Martin 66-56 with less than a minute to go in the competition.

Senior forward Kareem Grant led with 24 points. Sophomore guards Reiley Ervin finished with 14 points and Andrae Belton-recorded 11 points.

Compiled by Dairanetta Spain and Shantanna Collins and all reports based on tsutigers.com.

Tiger Top 5

For the week of Jan. 30 - Feb. 4

1. Clarence Matthews - Forward

Junior - Criminal Justice
Beaumont, Texas

Matthews recorded a double-double with 22 points and 14 rebounds against Samford on Feb. 2 in the Tigers' 64-54 loss.

2. Kareem Grant - Forward

Senior - Interdisciplinary Studies
Middletown, Conn.

Grant scored 22 points against Jacksonville State on Monday, Jan. 31 in the 83-80 win.

3. Leslie Dean - Guard / Forward

Senior - Mass Communications
Huntsville, Ala.

Dean scored a team high 20 points against Jacksonville State on Jan. 31 in an 82 - 47 loss.

4. Wanye Arnold - Guard

Senior - Mass Communications
Atlanta, Ga.

Arnold scored 19 points against Jacksonville State on Jan. 31.

5. Obiageli Okafor - Forward

Freshman - Psychology
Rolla, Mo.

Okafor came off the bench to score 18 points against Austin Peay in an 83-68 loss on Feb. 4.